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ANNUAL REPORT  
*of the*  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
*of the TOWN of*  
CUTLER  
*for the*  
YEAR 1946-1947

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Parlin Printing Co.,—Machias

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**Machias, Maine:**  
**July 15, 1946**

**To the Citizens of Cutler, Maine:**

I have audited the accounts of your town for the fiscal year ending March 1946, and find that all transactions have been properly accounted for.

The total of the list of Appropriations, including State Tax, County Tax, and Overlay, is \$11,234.91. The amount of the Commitment to the Tax Collector is \$11,234.91.

To simplify the accounting work of the town, I would suggest that the town adopt the Warrant system. This system is being used by many of the towns and a saving of time and costly record books is effected.

The town books have been closed and are in the possession of the town officers, where they may be examined by any interested citizen.

Very truly yours,

EARL C. LUCE, Auditor.

## TOWN OFFICERS

## Selectmen

C. D. WALLACE                      A. H. BRYANT  
F. DOUGLAS MAKER

## Assessors

S. W. DAVIS  
C. WILDER SMITH

A. H. BRYANT

## Overseers of Poor

F. DOUGLAS MAKER                      C. D. WALLACE  
A. H. BRYANT

## Clerk

LESLIE C. ACKLEY

## Treasurer

# CARLETON MELOON

## Road Commissioner

RAYMOND DENNISON

## Health Officer

ARTHUR E. MELOON

## School Committee

ROY DAVIS                      ROBIN HENDERSON  
BARBARA SMITH

**Superintendent of Schools**

WILLIAM M. BOTTOMLEY

## Tax Collector

ARLENE DENNISON

## Constable

ARTHUR E. MELOON

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

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**To the Citizens of Cutler:**

We hereby submit our annual report of the Town's business for the year ending March 1, 1947.

We have drawn 130 orders amounting to \$16,721.43.

We wish to thank the citizens and all members of the board of Town Officers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

**CLARENCE WALLACE**

**ARTHUR BRYANT**

**F. DOUGLAS MAKER**

Selectmen

# *Annual Town Report*

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## **APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1946**

State Aid Road Construction	\$ 450.00	
Maine Publicity Bureau	25.00	
School Lights	30.00	
Tax Collector	170.00	
Support of Schools	4,000.00	
Superintendent of Schools	275.00	
Repairs on School Buildings	350.00	
Support of Poor	300.00	
Mother's Aid	800.00	
Town Officers Salaries	700.00	
Contingent Fund	44.00	
Ways, Highways and Bridges	1,000.00	
Snow Removal	600.00	
50-50 Plan	50.00	
Maintenance of 3rd Class Road	300.00	
Bureau of Health	34.00	
State Auditor	25.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	15.00	
Insurance Dist. No. 1 School House	34.00	
Street Lights	300.00	
Interest on School Fund	56.00	
Health Officer's Salary	15.00	
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Total Appropriations		\$9,573.00
State Tax		1,186.70
County Tax		735.78

**TOWN VALUATION FOR 1946**

Real Estate, Resident	\$73,536.00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	55,935.00
Personal Estate, Resident	14,785.00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	None
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Total Valuation 1946	\$144,256.00
Amount Assessed (1946)	\$11,521.11
Number of Polls assessed 1946	138
Number of Polls not assessed	11
Rate of Taxation	77 mills

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Births 10

Deaths 6

Marriages 9

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT****ARLENE B. DENNISON, Collector**

Amt. of Commitment		\$11,521.11
Amt. paid to Treasurer	\$11,425.26	
Real Estate of Harvey Richardson sold to Reuben Huntley	4.23	
Abatements	11.31	
Tax Deed and bill	80.31	
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		\$11,521.11
Supplementary Tax		53.41
Arnold Bryant's 1944 Real Estate tax		.91
Excise Tax		424.23
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		\$11,999.66

**Abatements 1946**

Macey Huntley	\$ 1.54	
Glenn Farris	3.00	
Austin Davis	3.00	
Robert Gardner	3.00	
DeCosta Shaw	.77	
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		\$ 11.31

**Property Sold for Taxes****Resident:**

Mrs. Albert Beam	\$ 60.06
Cost of advertising above	1.00

**Bills:**

Ida Cosseboom Heirs	19.25	
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		\$ 80.31



**COLLECTION OF TAXES**

Amount Appropriated	\$170.00
Paid Arlene Dennison, Collector	\$170.00

**STATE TAX**

Amount Appropriated	\$1,186.70
Paid State Treasurer	\$1,186.70

**COUNTY TAX**

Amount Appropriated	\$735.78
Paid Treasurer	\$735.78

**BUREAU OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC NURSING**

Amount Appropriated	\$34.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$34.00

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Amount Appropriated	\$15.00
Paid Arthur E. Meloon	\$15.00

**STATE AUDITOR**

Amount Appropriated	\$25.00
Paid Earl C. Luce	\$25.00

**INSURANCE ON DISTRICT NO. 1 SCHOOL HOUSE**

Amount Appropriated	\$34.00
Expended	\$34.00

**SCHOOL LIGHTS**

Amount Appropriated	\$30.00
Paid Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$32.05
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Overdrawn	\$ 2.05

**STREET LIGHTS**

Amount Appropriated	\$300.00
Paid Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$273.75
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Unexpended	\$ 26.25

**DOG TAXES**

Amount Collected	\$36.80
Paid State Treasurer	\$36.80

**TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES**

Amount Appropriated	\$700.00
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## Assessors:

S. W. Davis	\$50.00
A. H. Bryant	40.00
C. Wilder Smith	40.00
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	130.00

## Selectmen:

C. D. Wallace	300.00
A. H. Bryant	50.00
Douglas Maker	50.00
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	400.00

Carleton Meloon, Treasurer	85.00
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Leslie Ackley, Clerk	35.00
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Arthur Meloon, Constable and Harbor Master	15.00
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Arthur Dennison, Fire Inspector	5.00
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R. T. Henderson, Moderator	5.00
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\$675.00

Unexpended	\$ 25.00
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**SUPPORT OF POOR**

Amount Appropriated	\$300.00
Paid board for Frances Maker	\$239.00
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Unexpended	\$ 61.00

**MOTHERS AID**

Amount Appropriated	\$800.00
Paid State Treasurer	\$850.00
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Overdrawn	\$ 50.00

**WAYS, HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Amount Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Paid for Patrol	\$398.80
Paid for Maintenance	661.83
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	\$1,060.63
Overdrawn	\$ 60.63

**50-50 PLAN**

Amount Appropriated	\$50.00
No State Appropriation	
Unexpended	\$50.00

**SNOW REMOVAL**

Amount Appropriated	\$600.00	
Received from State	262.73	
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		\$862.73

**Paid for Snow Removal**

Snow Fence	\$ 99.01	
Salt	20.00	
Sanding	70.28	
Breaking Snow	97.79	
Plowing Snow	436.42	
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Expended		\$723.50
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Unexpended		\$139.23

**MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS ROAD**

Amount Appropriated	\$300.00	
Expended	\$340.85	
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Overdrawn		\$ 40.85

**STATE AID ROAD**

Amount Appropriated	\$450.00	
Expended	\$506.90	
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Balance due from State		\$ 56.90

**CONTINGENT**

Amount Appropriated	\$ 44.00
Amount of Excise	424.23

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\$468.23

**Expenditures**

Sheathing paper for Pence house	\$ 6.75
Town Books	11.75
Printing Town Reports	43.00
Hall Rent for 1945 and 1946	50.00
Dynamite caps	12.00
Right of Way to gravel hole (2 yrs.)	10.00
Fire Pumps	5.09
Legal Advice	3.00
Typing	5.00
2 Names for Honor Roll	1.54
Ballot Clerks	20.00
Roofing Paper for Pence house	4.88
Expenses on Snow Plow	54.80
Leslie Ackley, supplies	5.50
L. E. Gardner	.75
Carleton Meloon, expenses	5.30
C. D. Wallace, expense	17.50

**Fire Equipment**

Engine	564.90
Hose	217.64
Trailer	189.00
C. Wilder Smith, expense	13.85
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\$1,242.25

Overdrawn

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\$ 774.02

**TREASURER'S REPORT****(Year ending March 1, 1947)****CARLETON C. MELOON, Treasurer**

Balance on hand March 1, 1946	\$ 7,018.18
Arlene Dennison, Tax Coll., 1946 Town Tax	11,429.49
Tax Deed and Bill	80.31
Tax Abatements	11.31
Supplemental Tax	53.41
1943 Town Tax Def. on Servicemen	29.50
1944 Town Tax Def. on Servicemen	31.41
1945 Town Tax Def. on Servicemen	37.00
1946 Excise Tax	424.23
State Treasurer, Snow Removal	262.73
Bank Stock Tax	8.40
School Fund	3,203.00
R. R. & Tel. Tax	5.03
Equalization Fund	1,541.00
Town Road Improvement	348.72
Town of Whiting, use of snow plow	10.18
Town of Machiasport, use of snow plow	7.14
C. D. Wallace, blueberries on town land	527.31
Hay on town land (Ward place)	5.00
Willard Look, lease on clam flats	25.00
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	\$25,058.35

Paid Selectmen's Orders (130)	\$16,721.43
Abatements	11.31
Tax Deed and Bill	80.30
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	\$16,813.07
Balance March 1, 1947	\$ 8,245.28

**REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE  
IN CUTLER—JAN. 1, 1946 TO JAN. 1, 1947**

The Public Health Nursing program of Cutler has been continued this year with its aim for supporting good health, the correction of defects and prevention of disease. A total of 53 home visits were made.

As Cutler was without a nurse during three months of the year, due to the resignation of the nurse and the appointment of a new one, not as many visits were made as usual.

In the maternal and child health service, visits were given to two mothers, eleven infants and twelve pre-school children. Home visits are made to encourage medical supervision, well balanced diets, good health habits, correction of defects and immunization against communicable disease.

The public health nurse in the schools strives to aid the teacher in maintaining the health of the children. As well as discussing health procedures with the teacher, home visits are made to pupils needing correction of defects. A visit was made to each of the schools this fall and the children in need of special attention will be given home visits.

Under the tuberculosis program, with its constant search for new cases through follow-up of contacts by patch tests and x-rays, five home visits were made.

Two of Cutler's fine little Child Health Conferences were held in the Grange hall last summer. Two infants and five preschool children were examined by the doctor. Three children were immunized against diphtheria and three against smallpox. Due to many cases of whooping cough in town, the attendance was small. This conference, held every summer, offers a splendid opportunity to bring the little folks to have their yearly health check and have them immunized. Maine had 137 cases of diphtheria in 1946!

There was one home visit to a crippled child. The State Medical Services program offers a Pediatric Clinic held in Bangor each month and an Orthopedic Clinic in Machias every three months. Home visits are made to children attending clinics to explain prescribed care, encourage healthful living and to note progress.

Interviewing key people in relation to health measures is another phase of the nurse's activities. Doctors are visited to discuss the health problems of patients, visits to town officials for the location of patients and statistics, visits to confer with the school superintendent and others. It is through the splendid cooperation and kindness of these folks that the health program has benefited greatly.

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

Public Health Nurse



**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

I have the honor of presenting to the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Cutler, my twelfth annual report of the condition, progress, and needs of your schools.

Schools opened for the fall term, September 9, 1946, with a total enrollment of 80 pupils, and with an enrollment in each school as follows: Village Primary, 26; Village Grammar, 22; Little Machias School, 21; Ridge School, 11.

Mrs. Doris Meloon resigned her position as teacher of the Village Grammar School at the close of school in June. Mrs. Louise Bryant also resigned her position as teacher of the Ridge School. Both of these teachers accepted teaching positions in the above-mentioned schools in order to help out during the years we were at war. I sincerely appreciate the services these two teachers have given to the town of Cutler at a time when teachers were scarce. Mrs. Vera McGuire has been elected to teach the Village Grammar School. She is filling this position very well indeed. Both pupils and teacher are working together to do well the work of each school day so that at the end of the school year the required amount of work will be finished. Mrs. Eliza Gatcomb, a teacher of several years of successful teaching experience, has been elected to teach the Ridge School. Mrs. Gatcomb, who is known to be a first class teacher in every respect, is living up to her reputation as teacher of the Ridge School. I am very proud of the work of all of our teachers. I wish parents and citizens would visit our Village Primary School and see the excellent teaching done by Mrs. Doris Sears, and also visit the Little Machias School and see the splendid work Mrs. Alice Gatcomb is doing. In fact, I wish the parents of the town of Cutler would visit your schools often,

for then you would understand in what good hands your children have been placed.

There is a bill coming up before the State Legislature in regard to making the minimum salary of elementary teachers \$1500 a year. The present minimum salary for elementary teachers is \$1000 a year. If this bill is made a law, then each teacher elected will receive a minimum salary of \$1500 a year. This will mean that the town of Cutler will have to raise more money for teachers' salaries. This will mean that each teacher elected in the town of Cutler will receive \$400 a year more than she is now receiving. As there are four teachers employed, \$1600 more will be needed. Of this \$1600, the State will reimburse the town of Cutler about \$150 a year per teacher, or about \$600 a year for the four teachers employed. It will be necessary to raise at town meeting \$1000 more for teachers' salaries.

The members of the school committee of the town of Cutler believe in having suitable schoolrooms in which the pupils have to live six hours each school day. With this in mind, the two rooms and the halls at the Village School have had the woodwork and walls nicely painted. In the Village Primary Schoolroom a coal stove has been installed. The next in order is to have a chimney built at the Little Machias School, the ceiling lowered, and the woodwork, ceiling, and walls painted. The Ridge School is expected to be painted inside during the summer months. If you happen to be somewhere near the Village School take time to have a look at the inside of that building. If you do I know you will be pleased with the work done there.

At the end of the fall term there were 18 students attending school at Washington Academy as follows:

Freshmen: Florence Bryant, William Davis, Arlene Griffin, Joan McGuire.

Sophomores: Jean Ackley, Lettie Ackley, Gordon Farris, Norma Fitzhenry, Douglas Reynolds, Elizabeth Sheridan, Leonard Boynton.

Juniors: Mona Ackley, Helen Boynton, Dewey Maker, Dwight Radley, Faye Radley.

Seniors: Valerie Smith, Marion Zwinkel.

During the last twelve years the tuition at Washington Academy has gone from \$50 a year per student to \$100 a year.

I wish to thank teachers, members of the school committee, and parents for helping to make this a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. BOTTOMLEY

Superintendent of Schools

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For year ending March 1, 1947

**Resources**

Unexpended balance, 1946	\$1,069.40	
Appropriation	4,000.00	
Int. on School Fund	56.00	
Recd. from State School Fund	3,203.00	
Recd. from State Equalization Fd.	1,541.00	
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Total Resources		\$9,869.40

**Expenditures****Teachers' Salaries**

Doris Meloon	\$ 458.35	
Vera McGuire	641.65	
Doris Sears	1,100.00	
Alice Gatcomb	1,100.00	
Louise Bryant	458.35	
Eliza Gatcomb	641.65	
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Total		\$4,400.00

**Fuel**

Barbara Smith	\$ 60.74	
C. Wilder Smith	104.00	
Andrew Clark	65.00	
Sidney Davis	23.40	
James Clark	104.00	
Hollis McGuire	15.00	
Virlan Porter	8.00	
Lindsey Coal & Lumber Co.	64.50	
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Total		\$ 444.64

**Janitor and Cleaning**

Arthur E. Meloon	\$ 166.00	
Arline Griffin	28.00	
Carrie McGuire	90.00	
Barbara Smith	10.00	
Mrs. Roy Davis	6.00	
Gardner Griffin	55.00	
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Total		\$ 355.00

**Conveyance**

Millie Henderson	\$ 621.00	\$ 621.00
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**High School Tuition**

Washington Academy	\$1,436.50	
Town of Beals	100.00	
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Total		\$1,536.50

**Clerk Hire**

Town of Lubec	\$ 98.98	\$ 98.98
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**Textbook Account**

Ginn and Company	\$ 37.78	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	10.60	
Allyn & Bacon	3.02	
American Book Co.	20.49	
Webster Publishing Co.	28.52	
Row, Peterson & Co.	7.98	
The Macmillan Co.	11.27	
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Total		\$ 119.66

**Supply Account**

Howard & Brown	\$ 2.65	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	56.59	
Silver Burdett	8.28	

Brown & White Paper Co.	8.00	
Bragdon Store	1.10	
C. Wilder Smith	13.12	
L. E. Gardner	2.55	
Ginn and Company	.81	
Total		\$ 93.10
Total Expenditures		\$7,668.88
Unexpended balance March 1, 1947		\$2,200.52

**REPAIR ACCOUNT****Resources**

Appropriation	\$350.00
Total Resources	\$350.00

**Expenditures**

H. Blaine Davis	\$ 3.39	
Roy Davis	29.00	
Lewis McGuire	28.00	
E. J. Bouchard	121.15	
Barbara Smith	37.00	
C. Wilder Smith	50.06	
Total expenditures		\$268.60
Unexpended balance March 1, 1947		\$ 81.40

**SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT****Resources**

Appropriation	\$269.00	
Total resources		\$269.00

**Expenditures**

Wm. M. Bottomley	\$268.46	
Total expenditures		\$268.46
Unexpended balance March 1, 1947		\$ .54

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Resources	Expend.	Balances
Common School Acct.	\$9,869.40	\$7,668.88	\$2,200.52
Repairs	350.00	268.60	81.40
Supt. of Schools	269.00	268.46	.54
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Totals	\$10,488.40	\$8,205.94	\$2,282.46